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We claim:

1. Coupling device, comprising:

an optical fiber holder having a top face, a bottom face, narrow side faces between said top face and said bottom face, with transition regions formed between said narrow side faces, and said top face and said bottom face, respectively, and intermediate faces formed in said transition areas; and a receptacle for receiving said holder along a longitudinal insertion direction, said receptacle having inside contact areas contacting said intermediate faces without play.

2. The coupling device according to claim 1, wherein said holder has a substantially cuboid shape, and said intermediate faces are bevels formed along longitudinal edges defined by the cuboid shape.

3. The coupling device according to claim 1, wherein said contact areas are defined by a longitudinal V-shaped recess.

4. The coupling device according to claim 3, which comprises two rails disposed in said receptacle, said rails each having two resiliently splayable limbs forming said V-shaped recess.

5. The coupling device according to claim 3, which comprises a rail disposed in said receptacle, said rail having two resiliently splayable limbs forming said V-shaped recess.

6. The coupling device according to claim 3, wherein said V-shaped recess is formed between two limbs, and said contact surface is formed from an at least partially plastically deformed section of said limb.

4. The coupling device according to claim 1, wherein said holder is a coupling unit of one of a multichannel transmitter module and receiver module.

5. The coupling device according to claim 1, wherein said holder is a coupling unit of a multichannel transceiver module.

6. The coupling device according to claim 1, wherein said receptacle forms a part of a coupling socket having an open side adapted to receive therein an optical fiber plug-in connector.